

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph:

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US99/18507 filed August 11, 1999 and published in English as WO 00/09549 on February 24, 2000, which in turn claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/096,048, filed August 11, 1998, the disclosures of which applications and publication are incorporated by reference herein.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In response to the Interview Summary attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 30, 2005 ("Interview Summary"), Applicants' again thank Examiners Bunner and Kemmerer for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted March 1, 2005 with Applicants' Representative. In response to the Examiners' comments in the Interview Summary, Applicants' respectfully disagree with the Examiners' assessment regarding "undue experimentation" and the alleged lack of guidance provided by Applicants' specification. It is respectfully noted that claims 43-44, 46-47, 57-64 and 69-82 were cancelled in the Amendment and Response filed June 14, 2005 solely for the purpose of passing claims 10-16, 41 and 48-52, indicated as "allowed" in the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, to issuance.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 371-2106 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

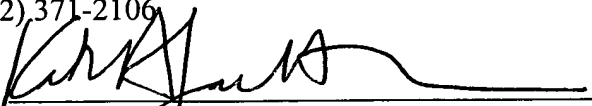
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